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**From:** Baird, Kevin (WSP)  
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**Subject:** WSP SAFE BACKGROUND CHECK FEE INCREASE TO \$33 – EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026  
**Attachments:** Firearms Background Check Rate Study\_2026.pdf

Hello FFLs –

Each firearm dealer business location will soon be receiving an official letter from WSP Firearm Background Division providing notification of the background check fee change to \$33.00, effective July 1, 2026.

This email is to ensure all affected parties are informed of the change to the best of our ability.

The Washington State Patrol Budget and Fiscal Services Division conducts periodic rate studies for various activities within the State Patrol. The purpose of these studies is to develop options for setting rates to charge third-party users of Washington State Patrol services.

Rate studies are conducted in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, federal cost allocation guidelines, and governmental accounting standards. It is the agency's intent to also comply with Revised Code of Washington 43.43.580, which states in part:

*“... The fee must be set at an amount reasonably calculated to cover the direct and indirect costs to the Washington state patrol incurred in administering the firearm background check program. ...”*

Rate studies are normally conducted at the start of each biennium, and it is anticipated that the next study will be conducted in May 2029.

Please see attachment for the complete rate study report.

Thank you,

Kevin

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